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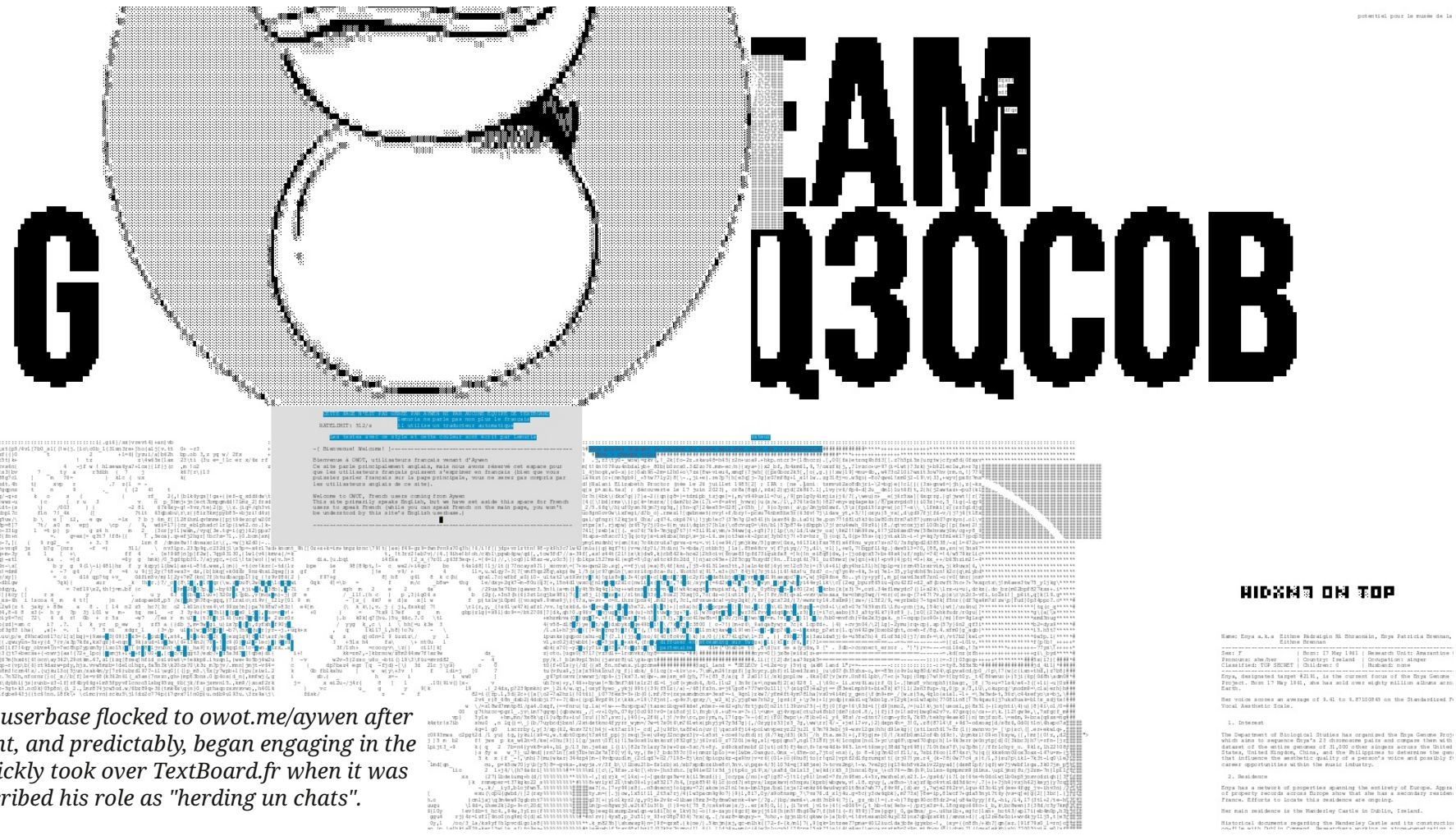
Aywen brings forth surge of users



CHAOS ON /AYWEN: *Aywen's userbase flocked to owot.me/aywen after the end of TextBoard's first event, and predictably, began engaging in the spam and botting that very quickly took over TextBoard.fr when it was created. Lemuria has described his role as "herding un chats".*

By LEMURIA

December 21, 2024

Bienvenue à OWOT, utilisateurs français.

OWOT and YWOT have received yet another surge of users.

In an event harkening back to the 2020 Brazilpocalypse, when Portuguese users came to YWOT in huge numbers, French users came and checked the site out.

They left behind very little negative impact, with FP stating in his Weekly Briefing that he did not consider the Aywen Migration to be a raid. And, he acknowledged Lemuria's efforts; calling /aywen a "containment world", which Lemuria took a liking to.

Prelude

In early December, Aywen, a French YouTuber, created a YWOT-like website called TextBoard.fr, and temporarily ran the site as a four-day event from December 14 to 18, 2024. Unlike OWOT or YWOT, the site will only be open on a seasonal basis.

The site brought forward great things like art, even if at the end, the spawn was overwhelmed by spam. Much like Your World of Text - spam and art coexisted on the site.

After the end of the first TextBoard event, Aywen released a new video, "J'ai codé un site que N'IMPORTE QUI peut modifier (même toi)", or "I made a site ANYONE can edit (even you)".

In the video, spanning 16 minutes, Aywen chronicled how he built the site; and the events that took place on the site, and the major spam attacks too.

Aywen and his community

Aywen is a French game developer and technology YouTuber, with around 110,000 subscribers and growing. His Discord server has 6.3k members, 1.6k of which are online.

His audience is technically inclined; as was seen from the scripting prowess on open display, on TextBoard and OWOT.

TextBoard's groups

On TextBoard; Aywen's userbase divided themselves amongst multiple alliances, such as OTAP, Safe Ascii, Chasse Aux Trésors, and CTRL-V.

OTAP, is the Organisation pour la Toile d'Art en Paix , roughly translated into English as the "Organization for the Art Canvas in Peace" by DeepL, though Lemuria settled on translating the name into "Organization for Text, Art, and Peace", to preserve the original acronym.

OTAP was mentioned in Aywen's video about the site he had created, to the elation of the group's members.

Meanwhile, there was Feur, whose members worked together to spam links to their Discord server during the event.

Feur's name originates from a pun in French according to Xernas. An overused one.

The pun is that when someone asks "quoi ?" (what?), the troll responds with "feur", resulting in the word "coiffeur" ("hairdresser").

Great TextBoard art

When TextBoard was up; users took the opportunity to create great art.

Skittle-Chan pasted an image of the moon, which they say in their post to "partages" (a channel for TextBoard, and now OWOT screenshots), took over five million characters. la lune, they said.

Another user made a working ChatGPT on TextBoard, while others made mazes, working tic-tac-toe, or the next great spam script.

By the end of the first event, 2955 participants had taken part in the board, and 158.3 million characters of text had been written, according to the video Aywen made.

Lemuria's bridgebuilding

Lemuria has taken the lead in bridging OWOT and TextBoard together.

He joined the Aywen Discord server on an alt and began communicating with the moderators.

In response to Lemuria stating his concerns that a massive surge of Aywen users would flood the site and overwhelm the servers, one of the moderators of the Discord server, Bol de cookies, reassured Lemuria that "we're going to warn the members of the community to prevent it as much as possible."

Or in the original French, "On va prévenir les membres de la communauté pour l'empêcher au maximum".

One member even commented, saying Lemuria's French was very good, to which he said that he was just using a machine translator, DeepL.

Opening a new thread titled "Textboard.fr, Aywen, and Possible 2024 French Wave Discussion", Lemuria began work on coordinating an impromptu response to the aforementioned possible French Wave, bringing in FP and Fern.

Père Xernas, a moderator, and developer, was the first to join the OWOT Discord server, and cooperate with the OWOT admin team, and Lemuria.

A little friendly exchange occurred between the two; with Xernas being able to speak English. Most young people in France understand English; and especially the community of developers that Aywen has cultivated.

/aywen

To give the incoming wave a place to exist, Lemuria and FP have both set aside /france and /aywen for the userbase.

Aywen's technically inclined userbase went wild on the new space that had been granted to them.

Lemuria and FP both marveled at the sheer technological prowess of these users; FP remarked that "one of their scripts replaces chars with random chars, which would require knowledge of how to fetch regions, get the content string, split it *properly*, then write the text in the appropriate position. it also requires them to grasp the weird coordinate sys-

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D9eoead unbanned

D9eoead is back in the server yet again. Almost immediately, conflicts started up yet again.

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I Run Code is coming

Lemuria actually knows the bot's developer; he's been in the Discord server for it since 2021.

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10AM now "soft" deadline

Lemuria keeps procrastinating so he decided to stop enforcing the 10AM deadline.

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Lime goes to Italy

Lime's parents have decided to take Lime on a 10-day holiday to Italy, for some reason.

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How do you say OWOT?

Lime's out here asking the very important linguistics questions. Fire-react this man.

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Lemuria

Aywen's surge

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tem and the fact that X/Y is reversed in some places".

By 17:30 UTC, traffic on /aywen had significantly calmed down.

Unfortunately, by 19:15 UTC, OWOT's server went down again due to intense scripting activity on /aywen.

The YWOT Wiki also went down, with no word from its operator on when service would resume, if it even would at all.

A dev talk

Next, came a dev talk by Père Xernas at 21:00 UTC+1, or 04:00 UTC+8 for Lemuria, lasting approximately one hour and thirty minutes.

Lemuria was given the opportunity to speak during the talk.

But, as he was not comfortable using his microphone, he instead sent a brief machine-translated statement in French about YWOT, OWOT, and his involvement.

Unfortunately for Lemuria, the messages were deleted after 15 hours, and no archive was made of the event.

TextBoard reopens

On December 22, 2024, TextBoard reopened again, relieving some load on OWOT, though as said before; it will be temporary, and TextBoard will be seasonal.

However, in the earliest few hours, the site was not properly functioning as tile updates did not seem to be happening and Lemuria's attempt to write a bot to connect to it simply resulted in an exit.

Later checks of the site eventually showed that it was back up and running.

The reopening of the site lasted two days, after which it was all over and the wait to the next season began.

To stop bots dead in their tracks, in an announcement on December 22, Aywen said that "an account limit per ip" ("avec une limite de compte par ip" in the original French) had been put in place, to "avoid overabused bots".

owot.me/aywen stayed at only one user after that one particular day, with the concept of a TextBoard likely to just be a novelty concept and something to focus on, until Aywen makes the next random thing for his channel.

On December 28, long after its closure, Lemuria checked out TextBoard, and found that it was readonly; writing did nothing. The event was over, but at least it went well.

Conclusion (for Lemuria)

For Lemuria, this might have been the most exciting thing of 2024. It certainly did some wonders for his mental health; which is already bad enough as it is.

It allowed him to feel like he had a sense of purpose, and like he was contributing to OWOT and helping stop raids (even though FP doesn't consider Aywen's visit a raid).

D9eoead's ban expires

By LEMURIA

December 25, 2024

D9eoead is back in the OWOT Discord server, after a 105-day ban for spamming messages that sexualized Lime under the alias LIMB ("Lime is my bitch"), which got him 90 days, and saying that MCL would "be raped by multiple indian men", which got him another 15 days.

And almost immediately, d9eoead had yet again reinforced his status as a hostile entity, and high-conflict, by starting up arguments.

Beautiful blue pens

The 14-year old from Kentucky immediately ran into conflict with Lemuria, who that day decided to obsess over a woman's name written in cursive on a set of pens.

Andrei dismissed it as "another Twitch streamer bait", but the truth was that the woman with the pens was not a Twitch streamer.

She had the pens for a reason; and plenty of them too, because she's got paperwork to sign, and she's got bills to sign.

Moth Cult conflicts

Setting Lemuria aside, D9 also ran into yet another conflict with MCL, reacting nastily when MCL roleplayed either turning D9 into a moth, or pawing at D9.

The messages, ~~unfortunately for Lemuria who wanted to keep him banned,~~ had no mention of physical harm, ~~and nothing could be done about it.~~

Anti-Fernozzle operations

Next came d9eoead's war on Fernozzle; after he said "YESSSS", d9eoead replied to his message with "can we ban this guy like seriously". Claude Meltroth then replied with "I think you should both be banned". There was a brief calm before the storm with discussion of walkways, but eventually at 05:53, it began.

"relax i'm only active 2 times a month", he said. D9eoead, speaking in his signature ad hominem-laden style, called Fernozzle a "fucking pest", saying that he could "spend that time being helpful to the community".

D9eoead demanded that Fernozzle "see what everyone else is doing, maybe do what they do", stop making alts, and stop causing chaos, as "we already have enough problems".

Fernozzle replied that he didn't use the alts anymore, that he stopped causing chaos a long time ago, and that "this community is bad i get it".

However, his most recent act was machine-translating CBAT messages into French in an attempt to expose Aywen's userbase to the bad stuff.

Lemuria (again)

Lemuria's old constitution spam script that sent the full text of the United States' constitution to the DMs of anyone unfortunate enough was brought up, and then came some Fernozzle screenshots of Lemuria's messages in a Twitch streamer's Discord.

"How ironic", said d9, replying to a statement from Lemuria in the memes channel, that read, "youtube is an attention black hole".

D9 during peacetime

That out of the way, d9eoead has been discussing his usual interests; such as phos, plants, and Haruko Ichikawa, the author of Land of the Lustrous, a manga series.

Third time may be the charm as he has yet to post any questionable content that could net any raised eyebrows or informal warning cat gifs from Fern.

Only time will tell when he is banned yet again, or if he is permitted to stay.

I Run Code bot is coming

By LEMURIA

December 28, 2024

I Run Code is soon to make its way into the OWOT Discord server. The bot has gotten 12 yes votes for its inclusion into the server.

The bot does what it says on the tin - it runs code samples within Discord.

The bot itself is implemented in Python, and runs on Piston, the core engine , which is in JavaScript.

The poll is expected to close by 09:00 UTC on December 28, seven hours after the scheduled OWON release. Thus, an update will only be provided in 2025.

This event is of particular interest to Lemuria, as he actually knows the person who created the bot.

Engineer Man, an American technology YouTuber living in Florida, created the bot, and the core engine on which it runs, Piston.

His channel first uploaded in 2017, though he is not very active anymore; and for good reason - he now has a baby, as he announced in his latest video from August 2024.

Lemuria has been a part of Engineer Man's Discord server since October 2021, long before he discovered OWOT.

10AM no longer guaranteed

By LEMURIA

December 28, 2024

This is an official OWON announcement. OWON has been late since 00066 (2024-11-02), the last time publication happened right on time, at 10AM.

Lemuria's life has gotten busier, and procrastination longer too.

With his interests changing too, Lemuria is amending OWON's policy on releases to remove 10AM (2AM UTC) as a hard deadline.

It will now be a "best-case scenario publishing time", and the hard deadline will be moved further back to "when Lemuria feels sleepy and needs to sleep".

As the message says below; he's still diligently running the paper.

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Lime goes to Italy

By LEMURIA

December 24, 2024

Lime is headed off to Italy again for a 10-day trip. In another trip that he had no say in, like that one trip to Scandinavia.

"Here we go again", he announced in December 22, 2024. "Only three more days left for myself", he lamented.

On December 24, Lime announced he had checked in; passing security at 16:40 (his timezone).

At an unknown point during the trip, a conversation went down between Lime and his mother, regarding dating.

He shared a brief transcript of the conversation, which was in Cantonese, but of course, translated to English.

"There are a lot of very beautiful women in Italy, you should learn Italian", said Lime's mother, to which Lime replied "ehh I like boys more". (reminder that he is gay - Issue 00056, "Lime is gay").

And speaking of gay, Lime noted how his mother pronounced "gate" as "gay".

Lime said that she didn't think her mom was homophobic; saying she was probably just "unaware". If so, then education is the right response, not cancellation.

Lemuria told Lime he should learn Italian for cute Italian boys.

Now in Italy

Now that Lime was in Italy, it was time to explore. Lime found himself in Bagnoregio, in Viterbo, in Lazio; about 90 kilometers northwest of Rome.

Lime had taken a photo of the Tourist City Map that had been put up for tourists like Lime, with an incredibly long URL link at the bottom - <https://www.ilpaesaggioculturaledicivitadibagnoregio.it/>.

"bruh what is this why do you n eed the entire thing in the url", he said.

And by 09:21 UTC, on December 25; Lime had entered San Bonaventura (which he humorously misspelled as "Son Bobaventura", posting a picture of a cat in the area, which Fern took a liking to. "certainly beats this", said Fern, referring to an image of an American stroad she posted.

As of 09:59 UTC, there was someone in Lime's group; a woman, who had "a scarf with light cyan, light magenta, and white in order at the ends", with Lime daring jan soweli Asike to do so after a joke statement about how Lime would be doxxed by Asike (a joke statement).

CRINGE MOTIVATIONALS: *Lime preparing to board one of the Heathrow people movers. On the platform screen doors exists one of those cringe motivational messages with generic clipart graphics and a large variety of different fonts. Oh, and there are also generic people in the image, and generic lights as well.*

However, by OWON's publication this information has since become long out of date, and any hostile foreign entities would not be able to fly there on time let alone get a visa from the Italian government to get into the country. And if Italy knew why they wanted in, they'd be likely to say no.

And onward to Firenze the group went; with Lime posting a picture of what appears to be the Nilhotel Firenze.

Back to Bristol when?

Lime is not expected to be back in Bristol before around January 1-2; the new year. How Lime will spend the New Year is unknown, but it will certainly end up being spent in Italy, due to the timing of the trip and the length, 10 days.

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How do you say OWOT?

By LEMURIA

December 28, 2024

How do you say the word "OWOT"?

Lime has started a poll in the #questions channel about its pronunciation.

Three votes for /əʊwəʊt/, and 13 votes for /əʊwɑt/ (oh waht).

Two people voted "other", including Lemuria. Lemuria voted differently, as the O in his pronunciation of OWOT wasn't really a [ə], but more an [oʊ].

And, Lime had forgotten stress marks in the text. [oʊ. ˈwɑt], Lemuria answered, with the Wiktionary-style "(Lemuria English) marker in front.

This is certainly a question of importance to both Lime, and Lemuria.

Though more to Lemuria, because he is a mad linguist-scientist.

Song request science gone too far, and countless hours spent attempting to track down audio recordings of women saying their own names just to make sure everyone can Say It Right.

The poll will end around in the early morning of December 29, 2024.

To pad out the remaining space, a random fact is that acronyms and initialisms, while used interchangeably, are different.

Acronyms (OWOT, OWON) can be pronounced as single words, but initialisms (FBI, CIA, SCP) are pronounced on a letter-by-letter basis. You've never heard someone say "N-A-S-A".

Off-Topic

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MERRY FERNMAS

This is the very last OWON issue of 2024.

Happy New Year!

Maligayang Bagong Taon!

Bonne année!

We will continue to keep OWOT well-informed.

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READERS' FEEDBACK

In DMs on 2024-12-25, Fern approached Lemuria with a question about his use of the term "snowflake" in "CCL releases results from survey of OWOT", page 3, OWON 00073, 2024-12-21.
The offending paragraph is as follows:

> "And before we trigger the hypersensitive snowflakes, we will be quoting the unsanitized version. You have been warned."

Fern states that the usage of "snowflake" is associated with the right-wing. This usage stems as a result of Lemuria's below-average empathy and thus, perception of certain people as "hypersensitive", though "snowflake" will not be used in OWON in this context again.